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In re application of: )  
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 ) Art Unit: Unknown  
Serial No: Unknown )  
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Filed: Unknown )  
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For: DISPOSABLE IMMUNOASSAY )  
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SAMPLE-COLLECTOR AND )  
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CHROMATOGRAPHIC-TESTING )  
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DEVICE )  
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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions to make the present application special on the basis of its relationship to developing treatments and cures for HIV/AIDS.

Please find the Statement below and a check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.

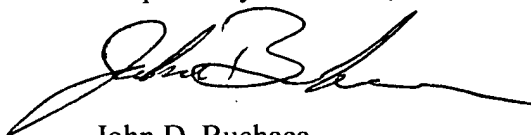
## STATEMENT

The present invention provides a more convenient way of detecting HIV from saliva through use of a cup-based chromatographic immunoassay test device.

## REMARKS

Support for the above-statement can be found in the application as filed on page 2, lines 14-17.

Respectfully submitted,



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